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(C) For a Service Area that includes a Level 3 Community, it will receive 30 points.

(D) For a Service Area that includes a Level 4 Community, it will receive 25 points.

(E) For a Service Area that includes a Level 5 Community, it will receive 20 points.

(F) For a Service Area that includes a Level 6 Community, it will receive 15 points.

(G) For a Service Area that includes a Level 7 Community, it will receive 10 points.

(H) For a Service Area that includes a Level 8 Community, it will receive 5 points.

(2) *The economic need of the Project Service Area*—up to 30 points. This criterion will be used to evaluate the economic need of the Service Area. Applicants must utilize the median household income (MHI) for the Community serviced and the state in which the Community is located, as determined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census at <http://factfinder.census.gov>. If the community was qualified using the Rand McNally Atlas, the applicant must use the MHI, contained in the decennial census, of the county in which the Community resides as the Community MHI. Applicants will be awarded points as outlined below for service provided in the Community where the MHI is less than 75 percent of the state MHI:

(i) MHI is 75 percent or greater of state MHI; 0 points;

(ii) MHI is less than 75 percent and greater than or equal to 70 percent of state MHI; 5 points;

(iii) MHI is less than 70 percent and greater than or equal to 65 percent of state MHI; 10 points;

(iv) MHI is less than 65 percent and greater than or equal to 60 percent of the state MHI; 15 points;

(v) MHI is less than 60 percent and greater than or equal to 55 percent of the state MHI; 20 points;

(vi) MHI is less than 55 percent and greater than or equal to 50 percent of the state MHI; 25 points;

(vii) MHI is less than 50 percent of the state MHI; 30 points;

(3) *The “community-oriented connectivity” benefits derived from the proposed service*—up to 30 points.

(i) This criterion will be used to score applications based on the documentation in support of the need for services, benefits derived from the services proposed by the Project, and local community involvement in planning and implementation of the Project. Applicants may receive up to 30 points for documenting the need for services and benefits derived from service as explained in this section.

(ii) The Agency will consider:

(A) The extent of the applicant’s documentation explaining the economic, education, health care, and public safety issues facing the community and the applicant’s proposed plan to address these challenges on a community-wide basis;

(B) The extent of the Project’s planning, development, and support by local residents, institutions, and community facilities will be considered. This includes evidence of community-wide involvement, as exemplified in community meetings, public forums, and surveys. In addition, applicants should provide evidence of local residents’ participation in the Project planning and development;

(C) The extent to which the Community Center will be used for instructional purposes including Internet usage, Web-based curricula, and Web page development; and

(D) Web-based community resources enabled or provided by the applicant, such as community bulletin boards, directories, and public web-hosting.

§ 1739.18 Grant documents.

The terms and conditions of grants shall be set forth in grant documents prepared by the Agency. The documents shall require the applicant to own all equipment and facilities financed by the grant. Among other matters, the Agency may prescribe conditions to the advance of funds that address concerns regarding the Project feasibility and sustainability. The Agency may also prescribe terms and conditions applicable to the construction and operation of the Project and the delivery of Broadband Transmission Service to Rural Areas, as well as other terms and conditions applicable to the individual Project.